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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DOM MINTOFF TO SAUDI ARABIA

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1. SAUDI ARABIA IS BEING INDUNATED BY WAVES OF HEADS OF STATE, PRIME MINISTERS, FOREIGN MINISTERS AND HEADS OF CENTRAL BANKS, ALMOST ALL LOOKING FOR HANDOUTS OR OIL AGREEMENTS. MALTESE PRIME MINISTER DOM MINTOFF FOLLOWED CLOSELY ON THE HEELS OF THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND WAS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF ZAIRE'S MOBUTO.

2. MINTOFF WAS GIVEN DUE HONORS - I.E. HONOR GUARD, GUEST HOUSE, ETC., AND MAY EVEN HAVE GOTTEN SOME POCKET MONEY, BUT HE DIDN'T MAKE MUCH OF AN IMPRESSION.

3. THE SAUDI MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR REFERRED TO HIM AS "A MINISTER FROM LIBYA," DOUBTLESSLY ANTICIPATING THE IMMINENT UNION OF LIBYA AND MALTA

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NOW THAT QADDAFI'S UNION WITH TUNIS HAS FALLEN ON

HARD TIMES. AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED US
"WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS DON MINSKY; HE IS
JEWISH?"

4. COMMENT: WE HEAR SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF THE
KNIGHTS OF MALTA WHIRLING IN THEIR GRAVES.
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